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Some Late

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SHROP-SHIRE

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DEVON-SHIRE.

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ON Tueſday laſt at night his Majeſty came ſafe to *Shrewsbury* from *Cheſter*, And upon Warrant granted out the Friday before, moſt part of the Gentry, Clergy, Freeholders, and ſubſtantiall inhabitants of the County appeared before him laſt Wedneſday at Shrewsbury, in a Meadow called the Gay, where his Majeſty, and the Prince came in Perſon, and made a ſhort Speech, which the Crowd being great, I could heare little of, but the ſubſtance of that he intended to ſpeak was put in writing, and read to the People, which was to this effect : *That ſuch was the inſolencies of a rebellious and malignant party againſt him, who had robbed and ſpoiled him of his goods, and kept his revenues from him, and had now ſet forth an Army, marching againſt him, that now he was enforced to deſire the ayde and relicfe of his good ſubjects, to ſupply him in this neceſsity, for the defence and ſafety of his Perſon, the preſervation of the true Religion, and maintenance of our Laws, and Liberties, hoping they would be as liberall to their abilities in ſupplying him, as others that were grown wanton with plenty, had been bountifull to maintain War againſt him, but yet rather then he would put*

too heavy a preſſure upon his good ſubjects, he would melt down his own Plate, ſell and morgage his Land to maintain his juſt rights and ours: There was no Monies nor Plate parted with that I did ſee, for his Majeſty referred it to his high Sheriffe, and other Commiſſioners, to uſe the time and method they thought fit, and ſo we ſhould be called again to expreſſe our affections to them: The Lord grant us faith and conſtancy to undergoe all troubles that lie upon us, and ſend a happy and ſpeedy reconciliation betwixt Prince and People, to Gods glory, and all our comforts.

Our Countrey is now in a wofull condition, by reaſon of the multitude of Souldiers daily billeted upon us, both of Horſe and Foote; I have had of thoſe gueſts all this week, and expect little better next week. We had in Town, on Thurſday night laſt, ſome 12. or 14. Captaines, beſides other Officers, and neere upon 2000. ſouldiers belonging to them, All the Country over, within 12. or 14. miles of Shrewsbury, are full of ſouldiers, your Father hath ſome 4. for his part, being ſome of thoſe that came from *Nantwich*, which after they had made what ſpoile they could there, are now billeted a good part of them in *Prince* parish, they are of my Lo: *Grandiſons* Regiment, and ſuch for condition, that I thinke the earth affords not worſe; they have plundered divers mens houſes in a moſt wofull maner: Your friend and mine hath had in money and goods taken from him, to the value of 50. li. A Gentleman of

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quality was enforced to ſhift for himſelfe, and leave his houſe, and they have taken poſſeſſion of it, and live upon the ſpoile of his houſhold proviſion, Corn, and Cattel, neare 20 men, and at leaſt 40. Horſes, ſince Munday laſt, and ſhew no ſign of parting as yet, but endeavour the ruine of his houſe and goods, and if any fault be found, threaten to burn it to the ground: We have eſcaped reaſonable well in Town as yet, with ſome little loſſe, I praiſe God for it, I have none as yet, but how long I, and many others ſhall be free, the Lord above doth know, for we have one outrage or other committed daily, they ride armed up and down, with Swords and Piſtols, Muskets, and Dragoones, to the great terror of the people, that we ſcarce know how in ſafety to go out of doors, they take mens horſes, breake and pillage mens houſes both night and day in an unheard of manner, they pretend quarrell againſt the Roundheads, as they call them, but for ought I ſee they will ſpare none if they may hope to have good booty: Prince *Robert* came to Shrewsbury laſt Munday night, I ſaw him my ſelfe on Wedneſday, the Marqueſſe of Hertford is reported to be there likewiſe: So with my beſt reſpects unto you, I remaine,

Yours, whoſe hand you know.

Octob. 1. An. 1642.

September the last.

September 21. here was newes that the Cavaliers were come out of Sherborn Caſtle, which made Exeter prepare themſelves, but their purpoſe was toward *Minhead*, and from thence to *Wales*, but they were prevented by the Earle of *Bedfords* Troopes, only the Lo: Marqueſſe, the Lo: *Paulet*, Sir *John Stowell* with others, eſcaped to *Minhead* on Sunday night, Sept. 25. much threatning the Town to give them paſſage, or they would fire the Town, ſo that at length got away in a Coale-boat, but the reſt took their way toward *Moulton*, where they found ſuch entertainment, that they were compelled to paſſe another way, ſome got lodging at *Chittington*, others travelled all night to ſhift from the Earle of *Bedfords* Troopes, and a few taken priſoners, but alas, they are quite worne out, for their Horſes pine away, and waxe feeble for want of fodder, for the Country would hardly relieve them, though they carryed themſelves very peaceably, and paid to a Mite for what they tooke, which made the Countrey the more compaſſionate on them. But on Munday, the 26. the Troopers came to *Moulton*, where they had notice of 3. or 4. Captaines, being

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at the Lady *Pollards*, where they preſently rode toward her houſe, and found them there ſitting at Dinner, and took them Priſoners, with Sir *Hugh* her ſon, and carryed them to *Moulton*, purpoſing to bring them to the Parliament, but they rifled the Ladies houſe, and tooke away great ſtore of Linnen, and other implements, and all the Horſes, Bridles, Saddles, Halters, and all Horſe furniture that was to be found in houſe or field were carryed away, but the next day it was reſtored againe, as much as could be found out, though not all, &c. On Tueſday they tooke Sir *Ralph Siddenham* Priſoner, but *Baſſet* was fled, he being the only man for the Array, none ſo eager in purſuance thereof as he; and ſince we heare the Earl of *Bath* is taken Priſoner alſo, truly I muſt needs ſay he was a very peaceable, courteous Noble man, and ſo well and quietly hath carryed himſelfe in this Commiſſion, what ever the Country ſay of him, but thus much I muſt needs ſay, thoſe men will never get renowne and credit againe of their Countrey; but in this mean time the Cavaliers have recovered *Cornwall*, and were entertained at Sir *Bevill Greenviles*, and now have a very ſtrong Caſtle there, ſo that it will be in vain for the Troopers to purſue them, without great ſtrength, and the longer they delay, the more they will be fortified, ſo that it will be the more difficult to take them; I wiſh we had peace, and ſo the God of peace grant us peace. *Amen.*

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